

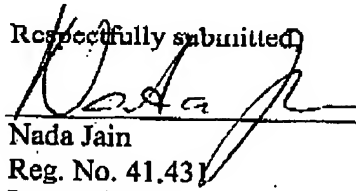
REMARKS

Claims 27-62 have been amended and new claims 67-78 have been added. Claims are now directed to procyanidin *oligomers*. Claims have also been amended to include procyanidin oligomers which are either synthetic (*i.e.*, synthetically prepared) or separated and purified (*i.e.*, derived from natural sources and separated into distinct oligomeric components, such as dimers, or trimers, etc). One of skill in the art will appreciate the degree of separation possible using techniques known in the art. New claims 67-78 directed to pharmaceutical compositions comprising synthetic procyanidin oligomers have been added. Support for synthetic procyanidins can be found throughout the specification, and specifically at page 11, second full paragraph and Example 11. Support for separated and purified oligomers can also be found throughout the specification, for instance in Examples 3, 4, and 5. No new matter has been added.

Early and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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